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Hazen Union Athletic Director Dies

by Gazette Staff

HARDWICK – Hazen Union Athletic Director Jared Cushing died this past weekend. He was 21.

In a message to the Hazen community, Hazen Union Principal Jason di Giulio wrote:

“We have learned today that our athletic director, Jared Cushing, took his own life over the weekend. Everyone who knew Jared knew that he often looked like he was full of joy and life. He seemed to always have a big smile and a bounce to his walk. But clearly inside he was struggling.”

Cushing was named the Hazen Athletic Director in June of this year, replacing John Sperry and becoming the youngest athletic director in Vermont. A New Hampshire native, Cushing was a multi-sport athlete at Blue Mountain Union High School and played baseball for Husson University in Bangor, Me.

Principal di Giulio’s message continued:

“I know this news can be hard and that it will land differently for each one of us. It may activate some previous traumas, some related experiences or difficulties in

our own lives. There are people and places where we know we can get help and if not reach out to a staff member.

We have crisis team members on-site for those that need additional support. Please remember, too, that the crisis team can be reached at (802) 888-8888.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, help is also available by calling or texting 988. According to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline website, “988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that

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Jared Cushing

Wolcott Fiber Optic Spur from Craftsbury Gets Green Light

by Gazette Staff

WOLCOTT – The select board’s October 5 agenda covered topics ranging from road crew equipment purchases to funding law enforcement services and the fiber optic network extension from Craftsbury.

The project manager report provided several updates on the town’s road maintenance

fleet. The contract for the purchase of the new plow truck has been signed. Delivery is expected by October 20. The old truck that was used for trade-in will be towed away and a 10-ton trailer has been ordered. The estimated delivery time is 26 weeks, so it should be here by spring. No deposit was required. The 1-ton truck sander has been ordered. The anticipated delivery date is

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photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hardwick Elementary first grader Ethan LaRose uses his hands to clean out his pumpkin during art class last week. Pre-K through sixth grade students carved over 400 pumpkins for the annual pumpkin walk held on Hardwick Trails October 16.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Union eighth-graders in Hagman and Fox’s Teacher-Student Advisory enjoy maple syrup on ice cream as their part of celebrating Vermont Maple 100. The statewide campaign combines the foliage season with discovering different maple products and activities throughout Vermont. Front row: Sophia Foster; middle row (left to right): Orianna Bell, Emma Conway, teacher Arne Hagman, ninth-grade guest Sully Laflam made the maple syrup with his grandfather Calvin Lanphear, Kamellah Chaves, paraprofessional Camille Naipaul. Back row (left to right): teacher Josh Fox, Ben Manning, Madden Austin, Hailey Foreman, Kelsie Rivard, Jeter Demers, Levi Higgins.

Nonprofits Receive Community Grants

MIDDLEBURY – Rural ARTS Collaborative and Twinfield Together Mentoring Program have received a portion of The Spark Connecting Community Program at the Vermont Community Foundation’s \$116,571 in grants.

Rural ARTS Collaborative received \$3,000 to support gatherings at the Craftsbury Community Greenspace, bringing people from across town to gather, make wood-fired local-vore pizzas, meet new people, and enjoy nature. Counties to be served are Caledonia and Orleans. Twinfield Together Mentoring Program received \$3,000 to support its peer leadership program, providing youth with the opportunity to identify a need within their community and take action to make a difference. Peer leaders

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is in two weeks. The sander will then be installed on the truck. Winter salt is available from Cargill, although the price is currently unknown. The town was allocated grant-in-aid funds to purchase a stone screener. The total award is \$5,900. There is a minimum town match of \$1,180. The stone screener can be used to ditch roads and will save on gravel costs. This is equipment that cannot be rented. It is anticipated that it will pay for itself. The grant requires the equipment be delivered to the town before June 30, 2023. Craftsbury has confirmed that it will be using ARPA funds when building out its fiber optic internet network. That will allow the Wolcott spur to go forward.

The litter committee is moving forward on getting textile collection bins delivered to the transfer station. The transfer station permit need not be modified for the bins. A schedule has been developed for budget presentations to the select board. Town departments and committees have been notified of the date they are scheduled to present to the board. A part-time handyman has been hired. A task list is posted in the town administrator office.

The board has been in discussions with Johnson and Hyde Park board members regarding hiring a shared assessor. The Johnson and Hyde Park select boards have each approved eight hours per week. Neither town currently has a lister. Other towns might join in, as well. The board discussed having the assessor work four hours per week for Wolcott. The cost would be approximately \$200 to \$240 per week, plus mileage. Board members are to review the matter prior to a vote at the October 19 meeting. Next on the agenda was the sheriff's budget. Select board chair Linda Martin and vice chair Kurt Klein represented Wolcott in a meeting with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, discussing the future cost for law enforcement services for Wolcott, Johnson, and Hyde Park. Board members reviewed a draft proposal. The proposal from the sheriff suggests that limiting town budgets to a 3% increase each year would cause a shortfall in the sheriff department's budget of about \$60,000. The sheriff would like the towns to make up the shortfall by using ARPA funds. The board had several questions regarding the proposal and would like to see some detailed budget numbers. Concern was expressed that use of ARPA funds to pay for the increase in the budget would create a balloon situ-

ation at the end of the three-year contract period, when ARPA funds are no longer available. Following discussion, the board agreed to let the sheriff know that Wolcott is not interested in using ARPA funds to offset the sheriff's department's budget, as that would create too much volatility for taxpayers. The next meeting with the sheriff will be during the last week of October.

Public comments at the meeting noted that small towns do not get the same Vermont State Police coverage as other areas, which is very inequitable. It was suggested Wolcott collaborate with other similarly situated towns for a louder voice. Board Chair Martin may write a letter following the November election to let legislators know how the board feels regarding equity in law enforcement services throughout the state. Next, board members reviewed copies of the conceptual plans created for the School Street bridge. Board members are to review the plans and be prepared to discuss at the October 19 meeting. The town needs to comment on the plans by October 28. The board also discussed the need to start upgrading Flat Iron Road, since that will be used as a detour during the time the new bridge is being installed. The box culvert on Brook Road has been completed, and the road is now open to traffic. Two issues remain: a newly discovered underground culvert runs into the new culvert and the underground culvert should be redirected. The second issue arises from the Jersey barriers that were placed along a section of the road. For pedestrian safety, a railing should also be installed. The cost to redirect the culvert would be approximately \$8,000. The cost to add railing would be approximately \$5,000. These costs will not be covered by FEMA and would be incurred by the town. The board then discussed the need for a long-term spending plan for ARPA funds. A list of how other Vermont towns are spending ARPA funds is available from Vermont League of Cities & Towns. The select board has approved several projects for which the use of ARPA funds was discussed, but ARPA was not specifically included in the motion as the source of funding. The board approved a motion by Martin to clarify previous motions for the use of ARPA funds that the board approved, including prepping and painting the town hall and the town garage; the contract with CAI for \$13,475.50; the zoning/scanning project; both phases of website maintenance; and purchase of the town forest for \$25,000.



October 19 - October 25

Check out the new Sandwiches from Boston Foods		Rib Eyes \$9.99 lb.
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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Media Log Summary

October 10: 911 Hangup, S. Main St.; Medical, Mackville Rd.; Fraud, Daniels Rd.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Accident – Injury to Person(s), Vt. Rte. 15/Bunker Hill; Suspicious Event, Winter St.

October 11: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Medical, Hazen Union Dr.; Assist – Agency, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Wolcott St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Bridgman Hill Rd.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Glenside Cemetery; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 15/McAllister Farm Rd.; Traffic Stop, Nichols Pond Rd.; Noise Disturbance, Main St.

October 12: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Public Speaking, S. Main St.; Theft – Automobile, Church St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Assist – Public, Hazen Union Dr.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Mackville Rd.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Mackville Rd.; TRO/PRO Service, Church St.; Traffic Stop, N. Main St.

October 13: Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Public Speaking, S. Main St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Suspicious Event, Pearl St.; VIN Verification, Hays Dr.;

Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 16; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Welfare Check, Putnam Ave.

October 14: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16/ Main St.; Custodial Dispute, S. Main St.; Citizen Dispute, S. Main St.; Assist – Motorist, Benway Dr.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Intoxication, Woodbury St.

October 15: Accident – Property Damage Only, McAllister Farm Rd.; Directed Patrol, Slapp Hill Rd.; Fraud, Kellogg St.; Animal Problem, West Hill Rd.; Assist – Public, Spring St.; Parking Problem, E. Main St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.; Juvenile Problem, Benway Dr.

October 16: Suspicious Event, Highland Ave.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Found Property, High St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Trespassing, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Theft, Benway Dr.; Wanted Person, Wolcott St.

October 17: Suspicious Event, Hardwick Farms Rd.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Rte. 15/Rte. 14.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 21 people from October 9 through October 16. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984, dedicated to resolving the causes

and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault in the greater Hardwick area.

The 24-hour hotline is 802-472-6463.



photo by Jerry Schneider

The third annual AWARE Walk on October 8, had 18 walkers who made the six-mile trek along the rail trail. The walk began at the Hardwick Health Center parking lot at 9 a.m., and ended at the Summersweet Garden Nursery in East Hardwick. Walkers were (left to right) Helen Beattie, Alison Gardiner, Erick Remic, Jerry Schneider, Annie Gaillard, Sarah Morgan, Loui Pulver, Ashley Gravel (youth coordinator at AWARE), Brendan Buckley, Emily Willems, Ross Connelly, Paulette Brochu-Coburn, Dave Coburn, Wendy Hallock, Jenn Marlier, Marsha Kameron, and Judy Jarvis. Missing from the photo is Karen Klotz.

Director

Continued From Page One will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), and is now active across the United States.

When people call, text, or

chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.”

State Police Suspicion of DUI

On October 11, at approximately 1416 hours, troopers from the St. Johnsbury Barracks were dispatched to a reported intoxicated male in a vehicle at the P&H Truck Stop in Wells River. Troopers arrived and located Jerad Milgrim, of Hardwick, and through the course of the investigation signs of impairment were observed. Milgrim was taken into custody for suspicion of DUI.

During a search of Milgrim, loose prescription medications were located on his person that he was not prescribed. Milgrim also implicated another person of driving, which was found to be untrue.

Milgrim was transported to the St. Johnsbury Barracks for processing. At the conclusion he was issued a criminal citation to appear in Orange County Criminal Court to answer to the above charges and brought to NERCF for

detoxification.

On October 17 the Vermont State Police responded to a report of a three-car crash on Waterbury-Stowe Road in the area of Michaels on the Hill, in the Town of Waterbury. Waterbury Fire and Waterbury Ambulance responded to assist. Subsequent investigation determined that Louis Woodward, of Haverhill, Mass., was traveling southbound and collided with Heather Gray, of E. Hardwick, who was stopped awaiting to turn left into Michaels on the Hill. Gray’s vehicle was then struck by Jurgen Mangels vehicle, a resident of Germany, which was traveling northbound. All persons involved in the crash were evaluated by Waterbury Ambulance and declined transport to the hospital. As a result of the crash Woodward was issued a VCVC for unsafe speed for conditions, a violation of Title 23 V.S.A. 1081.

Nonprofit

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strengthen community connections within the school and with local community organizations in need. County to be served is Washington.

The two organizations are among the 41 organizations selected for projects that strengthen community connections. “This is an impressive list of grants that demonstrates creative thinking around bringing together Vermonters through art, food, recreation, and learning,” says Holly Morehouse, vice president of grants and community impact at the Vermont Community Foundation. “Equally as impressive are contributions from our inspiring fund-holders. This is the most funding that Spark has distributed in recent years, and we are grateful for your partnership.”

Spark Connecting Community is a competitive grant program at the Foundation that puts building and nurturing community front and center. The Community Foundation aims to support the work happening throughout the state that builds social capital. The Spark Connecting Community program will reopen in spring 2023. Visit vermontcf.org/spark for more information.

The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. A family of hundreds of funds and foundations, it provides the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise that make it easy for the people who care about Vermont to find and fund the causes they love.

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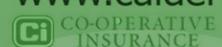
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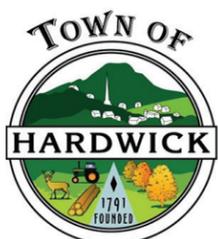
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Back row (left to right) Tracy Martin, Community Development Coordinator; Casey Rowell, Business Manager; Tonia Chase, Town Clerk/Treasurer.
 Front row (left to right) Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator; Alberta



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Front left: Pam, Ellen, Emily (GM), Valeria, Milly, Sue 2nd row Regina, Kathy, Katharine, Jessie Back: Heidi, Jade, Annie Missing: many other valuable women.

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OUR COMMUNITIES

Contra Dance on Oct. 22

MONTPELIER – Contra dances are held on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of every month, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., at the Capital City Grange. Don Stratton will be calling dances to tunes by Kingfisher (Jeff Kaufman and Cecelia

Vacanti). Halloween costumes are welcome. Newcomer lessons are offered around 7:40 p.m. Surgical mask, N95 or KN95 required.

For more information, call (802) 225-8921 or email cdu.tim@gmail.com.

Child Haven Benefit Indian Dinner Oct. 22

HARDWICK – The fourteenth annual Child Haven International Fund-Raising Dinner will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hazen Union. The dinner will be a take-out meal prepared under the guidance of Sikander Rashid. Meals can be picked up between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Hazen Union High School cafeteria and must be reserved and pre-purchased at childhaven.ca or by calling Deborah Hartt at 472-5284. Also available for sale will be chai and cookies. Bring a mug and get a free cookie. While this is a take-out meal, there will be a few tables set-up at the cafeteria for those wishing to have their meals there. This will be a mask-optional event.

There will also be a bazaar

of local and South Asian Items in the cafeteria. Additionally, there is an on-line auction of local and South Asian items to raise funds for Child Haven's on-going work at 32auctions.com/HardwickChildHavenSupport. The auction ends at 8 p.m., on October 20.

Child Haven International provides care to 1,300 formerly destitute children at their Children's Homes in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Hardwick residents Deborah and Walker Hartt have served as interns at the homes several times. Robin Cappuccino, of Greensboro Bend, whose parents founded Child Haven, visits the homes several times a year as a director. For more information call (802) 533-2296.

Wolcott Community Forest Walk on Oct. 22

WOLCOTT – There will be a community forest walk on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m., and an informational meeting and discussion about the proposed 700-acre community forest and how it could be used on Monday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join members of the Wolcott Community Forest Committee for a walk of the proposed forest property, beginning at the Wolcott ball field on School Street. The forest committee invites community members to attend an informational meeting and discussion at Wolcott Elementary School.

Mariah Keagy, trail planner and designer, will discuss the opportunity to develop a sustainable, multi-use trail system accessible to a broad range of users.

"The town forest has the potential to strongly influence the character of our town as the next years and decades unfold. We could focus on recreation and events in the woods, and have it evolve into a

destination that draws people here year-round, lending support to existing and potential new businesses and other activities in the town, or we could keep things more low-key. Different types of activities will draw different groups of people to our town, and now is a good time to think about all the possibilities," explained Gordon Young, chair of the Wolcott Community Forest Committee.

The forest committee is conducting a survey to collect input from Wolcott residents and its neighbors from surrounding communities. Printed copies of the survey are available at the town office, the Wolcott Library, the Wolcott Store and Wolcott Elementary School. All completed surveys can be dropped off at the town office. To print a copy of the survey, contact Kurt Billings at 888-7145. The survey can also be completed online at tinyurl.com/WolcottWoodsSurvey2209. Surveys should be completed and submitted by October 15.



courtesy photo

Some of the Vermont delegates to the 2022 National 4-H Dairy Conference in Wisconsin took a break while touring the World Dairy Exposition. They are (front row, left to right) Michael Plouffe, Bridport (standing); Cindy Kayhart, Vergennes (chaperone); Lorryn Trujillo, North Clarendon; Erica Goodhue, Fairfield; Emma Seward, East Wallingford; Isabella Wilbur, Orwell; Morgan White, Whiting; Andrew Lester, North Ferrisburgh, (back row) Brailey Livingston; Sadie Ellner, Morristown; Haley Michaud, East Hardwick.



photo by Ruth Klossner

Fourteen Vermont 4-Hers with their two chaperones participated in the 2022 National 4-H Dairy Conference, held in Madison, Wisc., Oct. 2-5. They were (front row, left to right) Cindy Kayhart, Vergennes (chaperone); Sadie Ellner, Morristown; Morgan White, Whiting; Brailey Livingston, New Haven; Emma Seward, East Wallingford, (middle row) Joey Ferris, Braintree; Lincoln Michaud, East Hardwick; Philip Livingston, New Haven (chaperone); Erica Goodhue, Fairfield; Isabella Wilbur, Orwell; Michael Plouffe, Bridport, (back row) Dylan Slack, Bethel; Mason Livingston, New Haven; Andrew Lester, North Ferrisburgh; Haley Michaud, East Hardwick; Lorryn Trujillo, North Clarendon.

4-Hers Attend National Dairy Conference

BURLINGTON – Two local 4-hers were among the 14 Vermonters and their chaperones who recently returned from Wisconsin where they participated in the 2022 National 4-H Dairy Conference. The 4-H'ers were among 200 outstanding 4-H dairy members, ages 15-18, from more than 30 states and Canadian provinces selected to attend this year's conference.

The event, held in conjunction with the World Dairy Exposition in Madison, was held Oct. 2-5. The Vermont delegation extended their stay by a few extra days to spend time more at the expo to visit the exhibits and watch the dairy show competitions.

Local representatives were Haley and Lincoln Michaud, East Hardwick.

Throughout the week, the 4-H'ers toured several agricultural enterprises including ABS Global, Hoard's Dairyman Magazine and its registered Guernsey farm, the National Dairy Shrine Museum

and Jones Dairy, a centuries-old food company that produces sausages and other breakfast meats. Crave Brothers Farm, a 1,200-head dairy operation in Waterloo, Wisc., hosted the delegates for a farm tour, career fair, tailgate party and old-fashioned barn dance.

The conference also provided an opportunity to network with other 4-H'ers passionate about dairy; look into career options in dairy production, processing and marketing; and learn about the dairy industry from leading experts. In addition, participants took part in a dairy skill-a-thon and explored the science of dairy foods and ways to be a strong advocate for the dairy industry.

Selection for this national opportunity was based on a number of factors including outstanding dairy project record books, participation in local and state 4-H dairy events and overall excellence in the 4-H dairy project. Delegates also had to be enrolled in the dairy project for a minimum of three years.

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OBITUARIES

SUSAN J. (BROWN) CLOUTIER

HARDWICK – Susan J. (Brown) Cloutier, 65, of Hardwick passed away suddenly in the company of her loving husband Lucien Cloutier.

For 38 years Sue worked at Greensboro Nursing Home where her residents and their families adored her.

One of Sue's greatest joys was spending time with family and she was always there to lend a helping hand. Even when looking for the next deal of the day, it was always as a way to bring joy and fill the needs of others.

Going to fireworks was an annual tradition for Sue, and just like her fireworks illuminated the sky she was a bright light for everyone around her. She will be greatly missed by her four siblings, Joe, Steve, Ann and Rick, and their families; three children, Jason, Nick and Michelle; son-in-law, Kevin; daughter-in-law, Charlotte; five grandchildren, Alex, Matthew,



Susan J. (Brown) Cloutier

Taylor, Ben and Kaitlyn; and life-long love, Lucien.

A service in Sue's honor will take place at a later date to be announced. Arrangements are with des Groseilliers Funeral Home. Online condolences and memories may be conveyed at dgfunerals.com.

JUDY B. DALES

GREENSBORO – Judy Boyd Dales, 76, a long-time Greensboro resident passed away peacefully on October 9, in the comfort of her home, following a courageous battle with cancer. Her family was at her side.

She was born in Baltimore, Md., the daughter of the late William and Narcissa (Cameron) Boyd. Along with her sister and four cousins, she grew up splitting time at the Highland Lodge and a nearby farm in Greensboro. She graduated from Greensboro High School in the class of 1963, and continued her education at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

On June 18, 1966, she married Gardner Anders "Andy" Dales in Hardwick. They made their home and raised their two sons, Cameron and Christopher, in Mountain Lakes, N.J., and Boonton Township, N.J., where she taught school in various grades. Starting in 1970, the family took several overseas assignments related to Andy's work, living in Wimbledon, England, as well as Munich and Cologne, Germany. It was during this time that Judy first started quilting, a hobby that would blossom into her life's work.

Over the years, her passion for quilt making grew into a celebrated body of work and a rewarding career as a professional artist and teacher. She traveled extensively, lecturing and teaching her craft to countless thousands of students over her 40-year career, and developed lifelong friendships with the people she met from all over the world. She was known for the clarity of her artistic vision, as well as her magnificent use of color and signature curved designs, which were considered highly innovative in the world of fiber art. Her work has won numerous awards including the Great American Quilt Contest, celebrating the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, and two of her pieces were chosen as part of the "100 Best Quilts of the 20th Century" by a panel of experts in the fiber field. Her quilts are exhibited in numerous private, corporate and museum collections including the White House Permanent Craft Collection in Washington, D.C., the National Quilt Museum, and the Shelburne Museum in Vermont.

In 2002 Judy and Andy retired in Greensboro, where she became very active in the Greensboro community. In 2016 she received, along with Andy,



Judy B. Dales

the Greensboro Award for service to the community. She was a member and moderator of the Greensboro United Church of Christ, the Greensboro Association, and was a founding member of The Greensboro Walking Ladies Society, and of Caspian Arts. Judy loved spending time with her family -- teaching her granddaughter to make quilts was a joy for her. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, walking, puzzles, reading, visiting with friends and the yearly organizing of the fall Halloween soup and sandwich gathering. Judy will be missed by all who knew her for her artistry and support to the Greensboro Community.

Survivors include: her husband, Andy of Greensboro, two sons: Cameron and his wife, Kira, of Los Gatos, Calif., and Christopher and his wife, Tracy, of Minneapolis, Minn.; three grandchildren: Ryan, Trevor and Adrienne Dales; a sister Narcissa "Nancy" Gomes of Craftsbury; and a nephew Jack Gomes.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Greensboro United Church of Christ with Pastor Ed Sunday-Winters officiating. An internet video link will be available for those unable to join the family in person and a Celebration of Life will be conducted next summer in Greensboro.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Greensboro United Church of Christ, 165 Wilson Street, Greensboro, VT 05841, or to the Greensboro Nursing Home, 47 Maggie's Pond Road, Greensboro, VT 05841.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at: northvermontfuneralservice.com

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Events

Wednesday, October 19

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

Friday, October 21

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

HARDWICK FARMERS MARKET, Fridays, 3 - 6 p.m., Atkins Field, 140 Granite St., Hardwick. Vegetables and herbs; plants starts and flowers; meat, cheese, eggs, milk; bread and baked goods; artisan goods; music and more. Information: hardwick-farmersmarketvt.com/orah.hartt@gmail.com.

Monday, October 24

CHAIR YOGA, at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mondays at 3 p.m. Call (802) 223-3322 for information.

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Tuesday, October 25

SUN STYLE TAI CHI, at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Call (802) 223-3322 for information.

Wednesday, October 26

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley

Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

Thursday, October 27

COMMUNITY DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick dining room. Eat-In or Take-Out. Call (802) 472-6800 to reserve a meal. Leave your name and phone number and how many meals you want and if you need them delivered. Donations appreciated. Volunteers are always welcome. Hosted by the Missions Committee of the church and other community members.

Friday, October 28

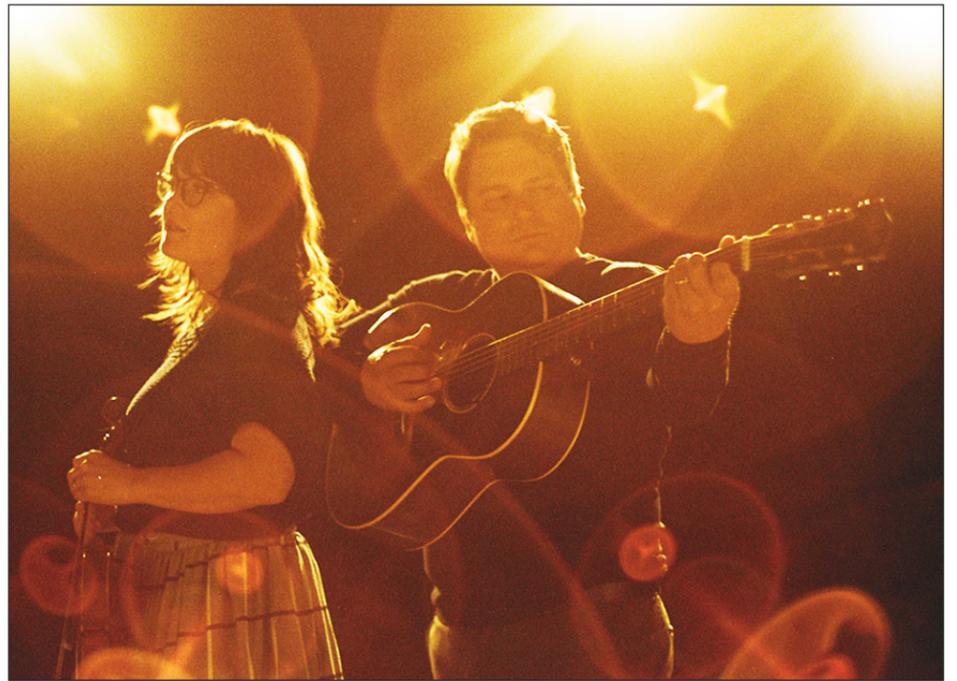
WATKINS FAMILY HOUR, 8 p.m., The Barre Opera House. Siblings Sara and Sean Watkins with guest Willie Watson. Information and tickets: 802-476-8188 or barreopera-house.org.

Exhibits

EXHIBIT AT MAC Centre for the Arts, 158 Main St., Newport. Featuring works of Vermont artists from Caspian Arts, in Greensboro. Bronze, wood and stone sculpture, bird and animal carving, quilting, printmaking and more. Through Saturday, Oct. 29. Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 4. Closed Mondays. Information: 802-334-1966, maccenterforthearts.com.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT GALLERY, 111 State St., Montpelier. Exhibition: through Dec. 20. Gallery Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. Additional Montpelier Art Walk: Friday, Dec. 2, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Artist's Website: Axel Stohlberg.

ANN CREAVER: New Photographs, Parker Pie Gallery, West Glover. Through November 15.



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The Watkins Family Hour plays at the Barre Opera House on October 28.

Watkins Family Hour Features two Luminaries of Americana Music

BARRE – On Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m., the Watkins Family Hour will feature two luminaries of Americana music, their band and a special guest.

Watkins Family Hour is a collaborative musical project founded by musicians and siblings Sara Watkins and Sean Watkins and traditionally held at beloved Los Angeles club Largo. Since the first Watkins Family Hour show in 2002, the duo has released three studio albums, debuting with their self-titled album in 2015, following with Brother Sister in 2020 and, most recently, releasing Vol. II in August 2022. Sean and Sara recorded Vol. II at Los Angeles' East West Studios in early 2022 alongside a roster of Family Hour collaborators, including Fiona Apple, Jackson Browne, Madison Cunningham, Lucius, Jon Brion and more. As with their debut, the band will tour in support of Vol. II, bringing the Watkins Family Hour experiences to stages far and wide.

As the brother and sister continue to work on their own solo music, as well as with their other bands like "Nickel Creek" and "I'm With Her," Watkins Family Hour remains both an invaluable resource and respite for them both, offering a familiar space to test new ideas, meet new collaborators and have a good time doing what they love.

Sara and Sean Watkins will be joined by Willie Watson, formerly of Old Crow Medicine Show and member of Dave Rawlings Machine. For nearly two decades, Watson has made modern folk music rooted in older traditions.

Tickets for The Watkins Family Hour may be ordered at barreoperahouse.org or call the Barre Opera House at (802) 476-8188. The Opera House is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired. The Barre Opera House encourages everyone to wear a mask while attending performances. Currently, masks and proof of COVID-19 vaccination status are no longer required.



Last week the fall foliage colors were vibrant on South Walden Road.

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Card Shower




Look who turned 95 on October 18
Sybil Ainsworth
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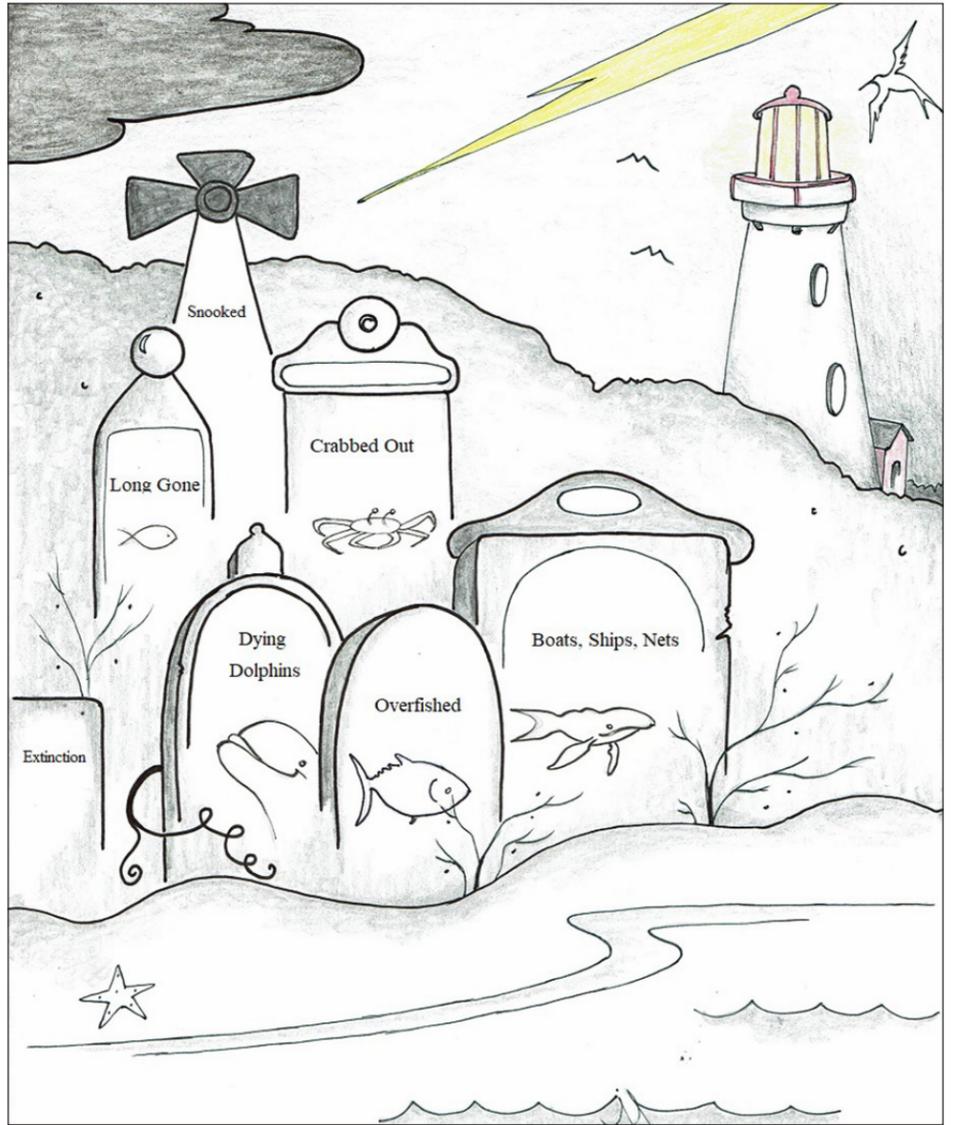
Hardwick Elementary School students (from left): Gracie Cruickshank, Lilac Dyer and Garrett Devenger choose a free book from The Children's Literacy Foundation (CliF) at the kick off program for the CliF "Year of the Book" event held at school October 4. Hardwick Elementary was one of 10 schools in Vermont and New Hampshire to receive a 2022-2023 \$25,000 CliF grant for literacy programs and books.



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Vermont State Representative Vicki Strong met with Jack Shelar of the U.S. Marines at the Carriage House Cafe and Grill in Orleans on October 13. Shelar has, for 16 years, carried a printed tract in memory of Strong's son, Jesse. Vicki Strong signed a flag that Shelar had with him in Germany when he was working for Wounded Warriors caring for injured soldiers.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



OUR COMMUNITIES

Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 29

HARDWICK – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to turn in unwanted, unused, or expired medications. Also, vaping devices with the batteries removed, and cartridges may be dropped off.

Find participating Take Back Day sites in Vermont at dea.gov/takebackday. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For those not able to make it to one of these sites on October 29, Copley Hospital, Hardwick Police Department, Morristown Police Department, Stowe Police

Department, Cambridge Kinney Drugs, and the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department all have year-round self-service drop-boxes, available during normal business hours.

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THE OUTSIDE STORY

How to Spin a Spider Web

by Rachel Sargent Mirus

DUXBURY – One neighbor calls our house “the spider house” because so many orb weavers spin webs outside our large living room windows. Our spiders work on their webs at dawn and dusk, and I watch their silhouettes against pastel skies as they move like aerialists – twisting, pulling, building, repairing.

The orb web, with its two-dimensional, radiating geometry, is the iconic spiderweb. But various spider species spin different web types, ranging from simple to complex. These include aptly named triangle webs, as well as funnel webs that sparkle with morning dew in lawns and fields, and myriad three-dimensional tangle or cobwebs, which have been compared to galaxies in their structural complexity.

Most frequently, a spider builds a web as its home, as its primary tool for catching food or, often, as both. Usually females settle down to spin while males wander in search of mates. Scientists have closely studied a few web-building behaviors, including those of orb weavers and cobweb creators.

Orb web construction requires four different silk building materials and follows recognizable stages. The frame of the web is made from super-strong silk anchored by a second cement-like silk. A spider will start with a proto web of a few threads, then spin the radial threads that create the web frame. Next, the spider adds a temporary auxiliary spiral, which stabilizes the web, allows the spider to cross between radii as it continues to build, and guides the placement of the final capture spiral. The capture spiral, used as its name suggests, to capture prey, generally comprises an extra stretchy silk coated with a second silk glue. Some spiders, however, use a wooly silk that sticks to insects like fuzz on velcro. Once a spider has committed to building a web, it takes about an hour to finish.

Research by Andrew Gordus of Johns Hopkins University has shown that spiders are constantly assessing their webs for errors and will backtrack to previous construction stages to make adjustments, often necessary when building in unpredictable outdoor environments.

Gordus compares web building to dance choreography, noting, however, that, “Ballet isn’t performed in a vacuum.

There’s sensory input: the music.” For spiders the “music” is their silk, and they’re constantly listening with their legs. Partly this listening is literal, as spiders use their webs to detect vibrations transmitted through the silk. But they are also “listening” to the web by paying attention to how well it functions. A damaged or poorly built web must be improved or that spider risks going hungry or getting caught by other predators.

Just as a dance can have sections defined by characteristic moves, the stages of orb web building are characterized by specific actions. When spiders make the radial threads, they walk in and out from the web center. When they build the inner spiral, they repeat a particular silk-anchoring behavior. Their legs, which handle the silk, also have distinct gestures at each stage.

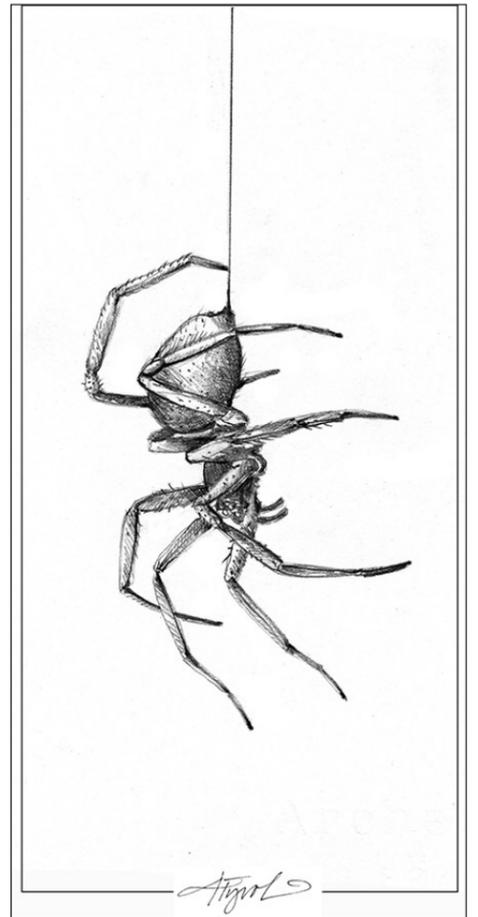
Spiders that build three-dimensional tangle webs, commonly called cobwebs, also follow recognizable construction stages. As Markus Buehler and Wei Lu of MIT explain, spiders building this type of web first create a rough outline of the web, which includes key anchoring points, using the super-strong silk. Once those are established, the spider further develops the web, which may include elastic threads and sticky booby traps. Within two days, the spider has a web with all the primary functional architecture, but they continue to improve and repair over time. Like orb web builders, cobweb builders are constantly listening to their webs.

The duration a spider keeps a web varies. Some will repair and reinforce a web over extended periods, while others will build new every night. Exemplary recyclers, spiders

often eat their old silk to reuse it. The orb weavers outside our living room window tend to keep a web for several days before consuming the old web and spinning a new one. On the other hand, the American house spider on my bathroom windowsill has essentially maintained the same web for months, extending it as she grew bigger and repairing it when I’ve moved a supporting object.

Regardless of what type of web they weave, I find spiders fascinating and agree with Gordus, who told me, “Spiders are wonderful creatures! Most are harmless. They’re eating so many things around the house that we don’t want.” Given the number of webs around my home, it seems my house is being well-kept by these tiny, web-spinning guests.

[Rachel Sargent Mirus lives in Duxbury. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol.]



Spider Silk

LETTERS FROM READERS

Chip and Joe

To the editor:

During his eight years in the House, Chip Troiano has been a tireless advocate in many areas. Particularly relating to housing, child care, veterans services and the opioid crisis, he has taken leadership roles. Chip is always responsive and truly cares about the people he represents.

After 12 years in the Senate, Joe Benning is running for Lieutenant Governor. Joe was

twice chosen by his colleagues as Senate Minority Leader, and has a well-earned reputation as someone who works effectively across-the-aisle. He is always willing to engage thoughtfully about a range of issues and is a voice of reason sorely needed these days.

I recommend both Chip and Joe in the upcoming election.

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IN THE GARDEN

Garlic Is As Good as 10 Mothers

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Back in the 1980s the Dartmouth Film Department showed a film by Les Blanc called, “Garlic Is as Good as 10 Mothers”. It was shown in “Smell-o-Rama”. Cooking garlic smells were mysteriously introduced to the air system, filling the 900-seat auditorium with the delicious odor of roasted garlic. I attended, and loved it all. Just for the record, my one mother WAS better than garlic. But I love garlic, too, and plant plenty of it.

One of my favorite fall appetizers is take whole heads of garlic and roast them in oven-safe ramekins or small dishes at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or so. First, I peel off outer layers of the head of garlic, cut off the tips of the head and drizzle it with olive oil. When



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Garlic that is near ready to pull.

done the cloves of garlic are soft and easily squeezed out of their skins after cooling. I like to serve this on crackers or a baguette spread with goat cheese.

In order to have enough garlic for treats like the one described above I plant a lot of garlic each October. Usually I plant about 50 cloves but have planted up to 100, always enough to eat daily and some to share. It really is a virtually work-free, pest-free crop. All you need is seed garlic sold for planting, or failing that, some organic garlic purchased at your local farmers market or food coop. Regular grocery store garlic is often treated with chemicals so it won't sprout.

In addition to seed garlic you need a sunny place with decent soil, or even crummy soil you can improve with compost. To plant 50 cloves of garlic the space you need is minimal: a spot perhaps

four-feet long and about three-feet wide. You could even find the space in a flower bed for a few, or on the front lawn around the light pole.

I plant garlic in a wide raised bed. I loosen the soil with a garden fork or my CobraHead weeder down to a depth of six inches. Then I add some good quality compost, either homemade or purchased, and stir it in. I make furrows eight inches apart and add some organic fertilizer like Pro-Gro into the furrow. I work it in with my single-tined CobraHead weeder. Or you can sneak cloves into a flower bed individually using a hand trowel.

Each clove needs to be planted the way it grew; the fat part down, the pointy end up. I plant cloves about three inches deep and a hand's width apart in the row. After pushing the clove into the loose soil I pat it down and when all are planted I cover the bed with about a foot of loose hay or straw. This will keep the garlic warm longer in the fall, allowing it to establish a good root system before the ground freezes.

Next spring the shoots will push right through the hay, but most weeds will not. If we have a warm fall, you might even see green shoots pushing through the hay now. Don't worry. That won't be a problem, come spring.

There are two kinds of garlic; hard-neck and soft neck. Here in New England we do best growing hard neck garlic. It has a stiff stem in the middle of each head where the scape grew last summer, while soft neck garlic does not. Soft neck garlic is sometimes seen in Italian restaurants hanging on the wall with the tops braided together.

Just as there are sweet onions and pungent onions that make you cry when you chop them, not all garlic tastes the same. If you are ordering garlic from a seed company, read the descriptions carefully. Be sure you are ordering hard neck garlic. They should tell you about the flavor of each, and I recommend getting three different kinds for your first trial. Since seed garlic is relatively expensive, you will want to save some garlic each year for planting the next year.

If you use a lot of garlic in your recipes, pay attention to how many cloves are in each head. It is less work to peel one big clove than three small ones. I grow mainly large heads, and I often have to cut one clove into two or three pieces to fit it into my garlic press. The product description should tell you not only size of the bulb, but also



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This big bulb of hard necked garlic has just five cloves.

the number of cloves per head.

You can store garlic best in a cool, dry place. Ideally 50 degrees with moderate humidity. I've read that you can also freeze garlic instead of storing it at room temperature, but I've never tried that. For freezing, separate the cloves but don't peel them. You can freeze them in a zipper bag or jar for a year or more. Don't store garlic at room temperature in oil, as it can produce deadly botulism.

Garlic plants are handsome, especially in July when they send up tall flower scapes that twist and turn in great shapes. Think

creatively, you can find a space to plant some. I often cut the scapes and use them in flower arrangements, and they are also good sliced and sautéed in a stir fry.

In a recent article about putting the garden to bed, I failed to mention that it is a good plan to leave some flowers standing. Why? Because some beneficial insects lay eggs in or on the stalks to overwinter. Birds will also eat the seeds of things like black-eyed Susans and cone flowers. So you have an excuse now not to clean up the gardens completely. You can finish in the spring.



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A garlic bed ready for planting.

IN THE GARDEN

Soil Health in Raised Beds Contributes to Success



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Soil composition is key to growing vegetables successfully in raised beds with a growing medium of 70 percent essential minerals from soil and 30 percent from compost the ideal mix.

by Nadie VanZandt, Extension Master Gardener, University of Vermont

PANTON – For many home gardeners, raised beds offer better soil conditions, better drainage and aeration than in-ground gardens. They also extend the growing season by warming the soil earlier and, not least, they are easier on the body. Fall is a good time to start thinking about your raised beds for next year.

Did you know that the composition of the soil in raised beds is vital to their success? Amending soil with compost is a major factor in promoting soil health but, when applied in excess, compost can be detrimental.

A fertile soil is made up of 45 percent minerals, five percent organic matter, 25 percent water and 25 percent air. These percentages translate into a growing medium of 70 percent essential minerals from soil and 30 percent compost, taking into consideration that water and air are present in both soil and compost. For raised beds, this corresponds to no more than a one half-inch layer of compost mixed into a six-inch layer of soil.

Minerals in soils are inorganic materials derived from a parent material, usually local geological bedrock. They are a crucial source of nutrients for plants and are essential for plant structure and resistance to disease. As well, they impart better flavor and quality to the fruits and vegetables that we need for a healthy diet.

Organic materials found in soils are living organisms like microbes, bacteria, fungi, large and small insects and carbon-based materials from compost. They deliver important nutrients to plants. In addition, plants use

carbon as a main source of energy to build plant tissues.

Products labeled as garden soil, potting soil and topsoil are often exclusively organic material. When sourcing soil for your raised bed, seek a quality mineral-based soil from a reputable vendor who can back their product with a soil test report and/or detailed content. The product should have a significant amount of mineral materials.

At first, growing in raised beds filled largely with compost will yield good results because plant nutrients are readily available. But as compost ages, decomposition slows and the release of nutrients decreases. Eventually, plant growth, flowering and fruit production diminishes, leading gardeners to apply additional compost (or fertilizers) to boost the supply of nutrients.

Continued application of compost, particularly those that are manure-based, can be detrimental to your plants as a surplus of compost can create a build-up of phosphorus and ammonium.

Phosphorus in excess can adversely affect your plants' ability to absorb iron and zinc and excess ammonium can result in excess soluble salts, which can burn plant roots and impact the ability of the plant to develop flowers or fruit. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus are also readily leached into groundwater and can cause a serious environmental problem as it creates toxic algae blooms in lakes and ponds.

Compost is not a long-term source of potassium. Found in soluble form in compost, potassium is easily lost through leaching. During drought conditions, compost dries out and repels rather than absorbs water, leading to run-off.



photo by Deb Heleba

Before putting raised beds to rest this fall, gardeners should consider ordering a soil test to analyze the soil to better plan soil amendment strategies for next spring. (UVM Extension Master Gardener Program)

Over time, compost alone will lose its structure and volume. Without the necessary mineral material, compost will form a thick non-porous layer that inhibits drainage, reduces soil aeration and promotes disease. Most importantly, many vital minerals are not present in compost in significant amounts to ensure optimal plant health.

This fall, before putting your raised beds to rest, consider ordering a soil test to analyze your soil. Kits are available through the University of Vermont

Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab (https://pss.uvm.edu/ag_testing). Be sure to mark on your kit that this is for raised beds, since the lab runs a different analysis better suited for this situation.

You'll have all winter to plan soil amendment strategies. Meanwhile, prevent leaching and loss of nutrients by covering your raised beds with leaf mulch or straw, instead of compost.

[Nadie VanZandt is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from Pantton.]

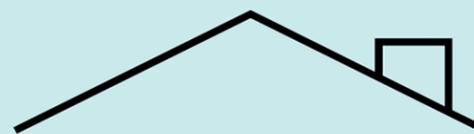
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YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Sheltering During the Bison Stampede

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – It was Sunday afternoon of a three-day weekend thanks to the recognition, at last, of the North American indigenous, who’re taking over the place of honor once accorded an intrepid Italian sea captain who for centuries has been credited with “discovering” them. The weather was showery, drizzly, and chilly, but the urge had been growing since breakfast to get out and “do something.”

The obvious thing to do was drive around and look at leaves. The discussions and excitement of “peak foliage” had for several days been dominating the various media from Facebook to network news.

The excitement obviously had spread to half of the motorized world, which was here in force. We hadn’t yet forgotten last year’s optimistic plan to motor over Smugglers Notch during peeping season. Instead, we found traffic backed up onto the interstate for half a mile at the Stowe exit, and drove meekly home along the Winooski River on Route 2. Even a prairie dog knows enough to keep his head inside his hole during a bison stampede. So do we. We’d likely stay put.

It started to rain a bit harder. We left the brushfire and on a whim turned north toward Hardwick. We’d had a late breakfast and no lunch. A cup of coffee and a piece of pie sounded pretty nice. In a stroke of luck, there was an open handicapped parking spot almost right across from a very inviting and busy little restaurant with a beautiful neon “OPEN” sign in the window.

But then came a note from my younger daughter: She and her husband were burning a pile of brush at their camp on Sabin Pond. Now, watching brush burn – or even pushing it around to make it burn better – is somewhere short of bullfighting for excitement. Plus, afterward you and your duds smell like smoked sausage. But it beats sitting around the house. And Route 14, the way to Sabin Pond, probably was not overcrowded with leaf-peepers. Off we went, with the windshield wipers set on Intermittent, up the stream that’s the north branch of the Winooski River.

The rain had indeed dampened the colors of the foliage

on both sides of the highway, as well as the number of folks seeking the road less traveled by. Instead of the gaudy Picasso hues of, say, the cliffy sides of Lake Willoughby, these had the depth and darkness of old masters, enhanced by the incipient fog lurking in the treetops, waiting for the temperature to drop a few degrees so it could come out and play in the meadows and over the road. We drove at our own pace, with nobody to adjust to. It was all very pleasant and relaxing.

There’s something else about the North Branch valley that I suspect not many people see or interpret: sand banks on the hillside some fifty feet above the valley floor. Not only is the present river far too small to carve such a large valley; there’s no way it could have left those deposits so far up the hill. But ten to twenty thousand years ago, as the continental ice sheets were either retreating or rotting in place, this was a far different scene. Large lakes and connecting rivers filled these valleys, eventually disappearing as the earthen or ice dams that created them eroded or gave way, leaving the stranded sand deposits high and dry.

It was a land of Arctic creatures moving slowly north as their forage advanced. What a squawking of geese, swans, and ducks it must have been! I’d love to have been there to see it. No traffic, either; no leaves to peep at.

We stopped to visit with the kids, who were pushing one last pile of brush together. The thick gray smoke slowly thinned as the flames took hold. The building itself, thanks to a couple of years of hard work and imagination, is being transformed into a hillside palazzo on a pond.

It started to rain a bit harder. We left the brushfire and on a whim turned north toward Hardwick. We’d had a late breakfast and no lunch. A cup of coffee and a piece of pie sounded pretty nice. In a stroke of luck, there was an open handicapped parking spot almost right across from a very inviting and busy little restaurant with a beautiful neon “OPEN” sign in the window.

The Lamoille River flowed past below our table. The coffee was like a blood transfusion. But whimsy seemed the order of the afternoon. Instead of pumpkin pie with ice cream or whipped cream, I ordered Key Lime – in Hardwick, in October! My friend ordered onion rings, which I kind of scoffed at, till I was promised a share. The waitress was a senior at Hazen Union who’d just scored a full scholarship to UVM. Her happiness was infectious, which added a lot to ours as, back in the car, we made the big U-turn below the former Gazette office and headed home in the rain.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

A Strong Voice for Us

To the editor:

We write on behalf of Chip Troiano's candidacy for the Vermont House of Representatives. Chip is a strong voice for us, having the qualities that have earned him eight years as our representative.

Chip vice-chairs the Housing and Military Affairs Committee, and, as such, has helped get Federal funds to create over 1,000 housing units. Chip is committed to this and other work to bring down homeless numbers. Chip's membership on the Working Vermonters caucus means advocating for better pay and working conditions for Vermont's workers.

Throughout his tenure, Chip has always been accessible to his constituents: with regular communication, by attending local events, by regularly making appearances to meet and hear the questions and issues local people care about. He's earned his reputation as one who listens and then finds ways to help. He works with us and for us.

Chip has an easy, friendly, open manner; he really likes people and cares for their wellbeing. We have a proven advocate in Chip. We have a chance to re-elect this good man. We urge voters to take it!

**Ron and Norma Wiesen
Hardwick**

He is an Advocate for Our Needs

To the editor:

I am writing today in support of our local representative, Chip Troiano, who is seeking re-election this November.

In my interactions as a resident of Hardwick, I've found Chip to be an advocate for and supporter of local projects to help improve the town, such as the expansion of the Jeudevine Library. Chip has also been a sponsor of all legislation attempting to address systemic racism in Vermont that has come forward in his time in office, and has taken an active and engaged role in combating that threat in our district through interactions with residents as well as his membership in the Hardwick Equity Committee since its inception two years ago.

As a small business owner here in Hardwick, Chip has been an advocate for our needs and concerns, making an effort to keep us in the loop about relevant legislation and discussion happening in

the state house. He is an ally in our goals of growing and sustaining a vibrant downtown. He believes in the strength that comes from a diverse, engaged community.

Chip has also always stood with our Veterans. As a Vietnam Veteran himself, the issues facing members of the Armed Services are close to his heart. He has voiced strong support for a national Burn Pit Registry to streamline disability claims for Veterans who have been exposed to toxic burn pits in Afghanistan and Iraq and sponsored the National Guard free college tuition bill which provides access to college education all the way through graduate school.

Chip is a thoughtful, measured person seeking the best way forward for his constituents and his state, and we are lucky to have him as long as he's willing to serve. I hope you will vote for him this November.

**Milo Tandy
Hardwick**

He's Sympathetic to Vermont's Needs

To the editor:

I am endorsing Chip Troiano for his 3rd term in the Vermont House. Chip's experience and voting record show him to be sympathetic to Vermont's needs. He supported care for the

elderly and disabled, loan assistance for working Vermonters and much much more. I hope you will vote to re-elect Chip on November 6.

**Kathleen Mahurin-Volk
Hardwick**

Let's Return Him for Another Two Years

To the editor:

I'm voting for Chip Troiano for state representative in November. He's represented Hardwick, Stannard and Walden for four terms. Let's return him to Montpelier for another two years.

I first met Chip years ago after a Spring Festival parade in Hardwick. He was in the Color Guard at the head of the parade and is there like clock work year after year. Now, as a long-time member of the General Housing and Military Affairs Committee in the Vermont House — he's now the vice chair — Chip has always worked to meet veterans' needs.

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, Chip knows a soldier's war doesn't end after being sent back home. All wars linger for those who were in them. He sponsored legislation for the Burn Pit Registry as Vermont Congressman Peter Welch pushed for the Pact Act, which passed and will clear the way for veterans who are suffering from the effects of the burn pits in Afghanistan and Iraq. These open pits burned 24-7 spewing toxic smoke over an entire base. As a result of Chip's work and that of Congressman Welch, veterans will be able to make claims for disability from the Veterans Administration.

Congressman Welch recog-

nized Chip for his work on the Vermont Burn Pit Registry to track soldiers and veterans who may have been exposed. Chip was asked by Gov. Scott to speak at the public signing of the registry bill at Norwich University.

Chip was also one of the lead sponsors of the bill to provide National Guard members free college tuition. This past year, that was expanded to include graduate degrees.

As our state representative, Chip has also kept track of sexual harassment in the National Guard and worked for the inclusion of women in higher ranking positions in the Guard.

As a veteran, it's understandable Chip focuses on issues of importance to those who served in the military, but he advances other matters, as well. I'm a member of the Jeudevine Memorial Library Board of Trustees in Hardwick. Chip has done what he can to be eyes and ears in Montpelier as the board sought funding for the library's much-needed and anticipated addition.

Chip uses his time to address the concerns and needs of all residents in the three towns in his district. I encourage voters to join me in casting their ballots for Chip.

**Ross Connelly
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Duncan McDougall, storyteller, founder and executive director of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CliF) of Waterbury Center talks to students during the opening program for the CliF "Year of the Book" event at Hardwick Elementary School October 4. The school received a 2022-2023 \$25,000 grant for literacy programs and books from CliF. The Jeudevine Library, the school's library and all the classrooms will also receive free books. The 225 Pre-K to sixth grade students at Hardwick Elementary will receive 10 books each over the course of the year to bring home. Once a month "Year of the Book" presenters will provide writing workshops, school visits, residency and storytelling for both students and their families.



photo by Hal Gray

Twenty members of Greensboro United Church of Christ (GUCC) held a half-day retreat October 15 at Greensboro's Green Mountain Monastery. GUCC Pastor Ed Sunday-Winters (standing), with the help of Eleanor Guare, led the members in small-group discussions on a range of topics.

LETTERS FROM READERS

An Excellent Legislator

To the editor:
I'm supporting Chip Troiano in his return to Montpelier as our State Representative and I hope you'll join me.

Chip has a temperament that makes for an excellent legislator together with a combination of get down to business and good humor. He has a track record of building trust in relationships and working with colleagues whatever their party. He endeavors to sponsor meaningful bills that will have a positive impact on Vermonters

and is committed to the greater good.

He's responsive to constituents' needs and makes himself available for questions and conversations, and keeps all of us posted on progress and outcomes on Front Porch Forum and Facebook.

I am grateful for all of Chip's hard work.

Chip has more than earned my vote and I'm honored to have him represent me in Montpelier.

Mary Tirpok
Hardwick

CARD OF THANKS

One would need a calculator to count all the folks who lent hands and time and resources to make this Sunday's Annual Trails Pumpkin Walk a success! Every call by the committee for help brought abundant willing folks.

The Pumpkin Walk relies year after year on the tireless enthusiasm of Hardwick Elementary art teacher Beth LeCours. She orchestrates a week-long marathon so that every student at the elementary school can carve a pumpkin – sometimes two!

On the evening of the walk, Lesa Cathcart transforms into the Friendly Witch to enchant both young and old with her giggly, scratchy laugh and wonderful songs and stories.

This year, Jeudevine Youth Librarian Marilyn McDowell posted a wonderful children's story with pumpkins(!) for the current Story Walk along the trail.

Behind the scenes are generous merchants (Slice of Earth Farmstand, Hannaford and Aubuchon) and so many community members. All make the magic that is a forest of 400 orange faces lit by flickering candles in the dark of night. At the end of the walk, they create a community celebration of cider and donuts around a giant bonfire.

We thank all who helped and all the community who came to enjoy this Hardwick tradition.

The Hardwick Trails Committee

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"I've known Chip for many years. Now I work with him on affordable housing issues in the Legislature.

Chip is a great listener, asks thoughtful questions, and does his homework. He's flexible and willing to compromise for the best interests of his constituents.

His honesty and personal integrity are a refreshing change. I hope you'll vote to re-elect Chip on November 3."

Jim Lovinsky,
Hardwick

Affordable housing is a big concern in the NEK.

October is Homeless Awareness month. As Vice chair of the General Housing and Military Affairs committee I am able to work more closely with Lamoille Housing Partnership, led by Jim Lovinsky.

I was there for the opening of 13 affordable, solar-powered housing units in Evergreen Manor in Hardwick. The Partnership has also created affordable housing for seniors at Maple Street Apartments—all while creating jobs in our district.

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The library director will represent the library within the community, develop collections, manage staff and volunteers, create and facilitate adult programming, act as a liaison to the Friends of the Library, maintain library facilities, provide budgeting information, and ensure daily operations of the library remain within budget guidelines. This is a full-time position, including some Saturdays.

Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree is required; a master's degree in library science from an ALA-accredited program is preferred. Vermont Certificate of Librarianship preferred. Management and supervisory experience required. Three to five years' experience working in a library or non-profit organization preferred. Successful grant-writing experience required.

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SPORTS



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The Twinfield High School and Middle School Cross Country Team includes front row (left to right): Camryn Hoffman, Colin McIntyre, Brooklyn Maxfield, Ethan Parrish. Back row (left to right): Coach Cathy duPont, Sam Sainz, Gigi Guerin, Hanna Holzl, Tori Clifford, Assistant Coach Sky Carney.

Hot Teams Slow Down Lady Chargers

by Ken Brown

RICHFORD – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team ran into a trio of red hot clubs last week in Richford, Hazen Union, and Blue Mountain, dropping their record to 3-7 on the season.

Kyrielle Deuso and Madeline Pike each recorded hat-tricks to lead Richford to a 7-1 home win over CA last Monday. Sadie Skorstad scored early in the second half for the Lady Chargers to pull them within two goals, but Richford scored four times in the last 10 minutes to put the match out of reach. Aubrey Fadden made 10 saves on the day for Richford as they improved to 7-4 on the season.

"There were large chunks of the match where we dominated possession and created chances and the score wasn't indicative of how competitive it was. We made some nice adjustments at the break, took advantage of some match-ups, and had a few scoring chances go just wide or hit the post. With just one substitution, I think we were pretty gassed the last 10 minutes after going all out in the second half, but overall the girls played a really good half of soccer," said head coach Patrick Houle.

Hazen Union scored a trio of goals in the last 12 minutes to down CA 4-1 on the road last Wednesday and capture the second annual

"Players compete and leave it all out of the field all the time, but this rivalry between the two schools is a great reminder that the game is also supposed to be about comradery, sportsmanship, and be fun along the way."

OSSU Derby. Freshman Anika Leahy knotted the score at 1-1, 11 minutes into the second half, but the Hazen defense would stiffen the rest of the way. Ella Renaud made four saves for Hazen as they improved to 4-7-1 on the season. The OSSU Derby was created by Hazen Union head coach Harry Besett and former Lady Charger coach Tom Silva last season. Their goal was to create an annual friendly crosstown rivalry that celebrates competition, sportsmanship, and community in high school sports. Craftsbury took home the inaugural derby trophy last fall.

"Again, this was a much closer match than the score and Anika took a nice pass early in the second half and used her speed to break away. We had a couple of defensive breakdowns in the match and to their credit, they took advantage and capitalized on them late. This was my first year being part of the OSSU Derby and it lived

up to all of the hype. Players compete and leave it all out of the field all the time, but this rivalry between the two schools is a great reminder that the game is also supposed to be about comradery, sportsmanship, and be fun along the way. The girls are really excited to be part of it and we look forward to it again next fall," said Houle.

Jordan Alley and Karli Blood led a balanced scoring attack as Blue Mountain raced past the Lady Chargers at home on Saturday 7-0. Felicity Sulham and the Lady Buck defense recorded their third shutout of the season, improving to 9-3.

"We ran into a buzz saw over the weekend against one of the better teams in our division. They were experienced, deep, and very well coached. A program like that is what we aspire to grow into and the only way to get better is to experience playing good teams like that and learn from it. We have another tough week coming up against some really good competition and we have to keep challenging and pushing ourselves to get better as a team as the post-season approaches," said Houle.

CA traveled to Twinfield-Cabot on Monday, hosted Division III Enosburg on Tuesday, and will wrap up the regular season at home against Division III powerhouse BFA-Fairfax on Friday.

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Hazen Union Girls' Soccer

The Hazen Union girls team are this year's OSSU Derby Champions after their 4-1 win over Craftsbury October 12. Pictured front row (left to right): Sarah Collier, Bri Holbrook, Ella Renaud, Isabelle Gouin, Gabby Stanciu, Madeline Kaiser. Middle row (left to right): Maverick Murphy, Julia des Groseilliers, Alexis Christensen, Baylie Christensen, Caitlyn Davison, Lily Castle, Tessa Luther, Aster Watkevich, Assistant Coach Teo Cohen. Back row (left to right): Coach Harry Besett, Assistant Coach Alleigh Gabaree, Natalie Michaud.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Trojans Navigate Injuries and Rugged Schedule

by Ken Brown

BRADFORD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team blanked Oxbow last week before struggling offensively in out of division matchups against Division II Hartford and Division III BFA-Fairfax, falling to 8-4 on the season.

Meles Gouge and Sam McLane provided the scoring in each half for the Trojans last Monday in a hard earned 2-0 road win over Oxbow last Tuesday. Gouge returned from injury to spark Twinfield-Cabot's offense with his team-leading sixteenth goal and freshman Sam McLane added all of the insurance the defense needed in the second half. Neil Alexander made one save on the day to earn the Trojan defense their seventh shutout of the season. Dakota Goodridge made 11 stops for the Olympians as they fell to 2-9 on the season.

Tighe Hrabchak, Joey Beggs, and Nolan McMahon led a balanced scoring attack for Hartford last Thursday in a hard fought 3-0 road win over Twinfield-Cabot. Hartford broke free 14 minutes into the match to make it 1-0, but Alexander and Trojan defense stiffened the rest of the half to keep it a one goal deficit heading into the break. The Hurricanes got the benefit of a close call midway through the second half, converting a back-breaking penalty kick to make it 2-0 and never looked back. Alexander was spectacular once again, making seven stops in the loss. Blaine Gour made one save to earn his third shutout of the season for the Hurricanes. Hartford improved to 11-1 on the year, keeping pace with Montpelier at the top of the Division II standings.

"Hartford played well, controlled the time of possession, and we had trouble mounting counterattacks. We are missing several key players due to illness and injury and it shows as our offense is struggling to find rhythm. The defense held strong for most of the match, but suffered a couple of critical lapses that led to

"We are still missing two veteran players from the back line and our young guys stepped up and played big."

scores. The handball that led to the penalty kick was close and a tough call and you could feel the energy fall off a bit after they converted. Still missing two starters from our back line, I'm proud of how the guys adjusted and worked hard in losing to a very good club. Neil made some incredible saves and showed why he is one of the best goalkeepers in the league," said head coach Peter Stratman.

BFA-Fairfax remained one of the hottest teams in division III after knocking off the Trojans 3-1 at home over the weekend. Meles Gouge scored the lone goal for Twinfield-Cabot and Alexander made three saves in the loss. Chayer

Luca scored all three goals on penalty kicks for the Bullets as they won their sixth match in eight tries, improving to 8-5 on the season.

"The game was tight for most of the first half and Meles broke through their stingy defense to equalize with an impressive dribbling drive. He brings so much energy to the game. I've never coached a match where we lost because of three handballs in the box. It was tough to swallow and in the end we beat ourselves today. Soccer is a crazy game sometimes and despite the pk's, our defense actually had a solid game, limiting them to very few scoring opportunities with some brave tackles. We are still missing two veteran players from the back line and our young guys stepped up and played big! We are hoping to get everyone back this week," said Stratman.

The Trojans are still hanging on to the fourth spot in the Division IV standings and will look to end the regular season on a high note on Wednesday with a trip to Craftsbury Academy.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Hazen Union High School Cross Country Team (from left): Tobias Benson, Finn Burgess, Coach Netdahe Stoddard, Ella Considine, Gabe Aubuchon. Missing: Elizabeth Molina.

SPORTS

JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

Hazen Union Coach Third in Kingdom Challenge

ST. JOHNSBURY – Dubbed “the hilliest half marathon in Vermont,” the Kingdom Challenge on October 15 drew 40 runners. The point-to-point course from Lyndonville to St. Johnsbury involved 1,440 feet of uphill climbs and 1,519 feet of descents. On race day, much of the course was shrouded in a foggy mist.

Timothy Mulligan, 41, out-paced Caleb Clark, 33 to win the 13.1-mile race. Their times were 1:22:42 and 1:23:40. Caitlin Littlefield, 37, and Tara Nelson, 48, were the top two female finishers. Their times were 1:46:50 and 1:49:57.

Hazen Union cross country coach Netdahe Stoddard, 45, has run the Kingdom Challenge multiple times. Stoddard started the race in fourth place within a group of four runners. They soon separated from the rest of the pack. He moved into third place during mile two. Mulligan took the lead after mile four.

“By mid-race, I ran alone and completely unpressured,” said Stoddard. “I was hoping for a sub-90-minute race and top-five finish, so I was more than happy with the effort.”

Stoddard placed third in 1:26:28. Ricky McLain, 36, placed fourth in 1:35:38. Like Stoddard, he hails from Cabot. McLain finished nearly four minutes faster than the last time he ran the race, in 2018, when he also placed fourth.

McLain mentally approached the race as three big climbs, the last one topping out at mile eight. He ran the first few miles with two other guys, enjoying their conversation. On the first climb, he pulled ahead.

“I tried to be steady but not too hard up the hills, to have some gas left in the tank for the five miles downhill to the finish,” said McLain. “I think I paced it pretty well.”

Linda Ramsdell, 58, from Craftsbury, ran the Kingdom Challenge for the first time. She placed 32nd overall, finishing in 2:17:51. Ramsdell credited the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Masters ski program for her success in completing the half marathon. Athletes



photo by Zoe Gascon

Netdahe Stoddard, from Cabot, placed third of 40 finishers in Saturday's Kingdom Challenge Half Marathon. The Hazen Union cross country coach covered the 13.1-mile course from Lyndonville to St. Johnsbury in 1:26:28.

in the program do periodic hill and strength training sessions, sometimes on West Hill Road in Craftsbury.

“I stayed within my pace goal at the start and then felt good on the first big climb,” said Ramsdell. “The miles went by surprisingly quickly and I was able to close some distance on people in front of me on the uphills, which was rewarding. I liked the challenge of the course, even in the fog which stuck around for most of the race. It was nice to run in the cool autumn weather.”

Ramsdell signed up for the race on the last day of registration. Though she wasn't sure if she was ready for the distance and elevation, she wanted a goal to meet – especially with the winter cross country ski season approaching. The Kingdom Challenge was her first half marathon in about 10 years.

“After regaining my fitness, I was motivated to keep it,” said Ramsdell. “I started slowly with a run-walk regimen and worked my

way to the half marathon distance. I'm happy to have done an official half marathon this season!”

Local Half Marathoners Flock to Grand Isle

SOUTH HERO – Maxfield English did not have much warm-up before Sunday's Green Mountain Half Marathon. Arriving at Folsom Elementary School a few minutes before the 8:40 a.m. start, he registered and pinned on his race bib. The gun sounded as he hustled from the school to the starting line.

English, 46, from Wolcott, may well be the fastest male Masters runner from the 10 towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Competing in distances from 5k to a half marathon, he is often among the top three finishers. Sunday's half marathon presented an unusual challenge: starting the race in last place.

“This was the second-flattest race I have done this season, and it

was a pretty fast course,” said English. “I missed the gun by over a half minute. It was a different feeling playing catch-up instead of pacing out and settling in with a crew. I weaved my way up the pack, in a catch-and-release style. It was great to cheer on the other runners in the out-and-back format, which always boosts morale. The weather was just perfect, and the scenery was quintessential Vermont in autumn.”

English finished fourth in the 225-runner field. His time of 1:21:55 won the M40-49 age group. Daniel Moncada, 32, of Fairfax, and Jordan Hamrick, 33, from Morgantown, W.V., won the men's and women's divisions. Their respective times for the 13.1-mile race were 1:14:29 and 1:27:09.

Rose Modry, 43, from Greensboro, matched English with a win in the F40-49 age group. She finished eighth overall in the women's division, in 1:39:47. Erica Rose, 47, from Plainfield, placed 14th in the women's division. Her time was 1:43:55.

Modry credited strengthening work and alignment physical therapy from Victoria Hill of Hardwick as keys to her success as a runner. Hill, 48, also participated in the Green Mountain Half Marathon. She finished 68th of 128 women, in 2:10:30. The race was her second half marathon since recovering from heart surgery.

“It was great to be back out there running a half,” said Hill. “I love the positive energy and support amongst runners. Add in the beauty of Vermont in the fall, and what more could you ask for?”

Dot Helling, 72, of Adamant, has run the gently rolling route along the west shore of Grand Isle many times. Still feeling the effects of long COVID, she switched from the marathon to the half marathon. She finished 70th in the women's division, in 2:10:47, and placed second in the F70-79 age group.

“It was a struggle,” said Helling. “The autumn colors were awesome and made it all worthwhile. Alas, it was my swan song for this course, which now is 100% pavement.”

Elizabeth McCarthy, 69, from Walden, placed 84th in the women's division. Her time of 2:16:57

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Lady Cats Continue to Gain Momentum with Late Match Magic

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union girls' soccer team earned a stunning comeback win over Rivendell Academy last week before outlasting Craftsbury Academy to capture the second annual OSSU Derby last week to improve to 4-7-1 on the season.

Caitlyn Davison provided late match heroics for the second straight week with an improbable equalizer and Isabelle Gouin wasted little time to bury the game-winner as the Lady Cats stunned Rivendell Academy with a 3-2 overtime thriller at home last Monday.

Harper Trendley put the Lady Raptors on top just 30 seconds into the match, but both defenses would stiffen the rest of the half as the visitors took a 1-0 advantage into the break. Tessa Luther evened the match at 1-1, 13 minutes into the second half, but Trendley would strike again just five minutes later to make it 2-1 Rivendell.

With time running out, Davison saved the day once again for the Lady Cats, burying a free kick just outside the 18 yard line with 90 seconds left in regulation to send it to overtime. One minute into the extra period, Alexis Christensen sent a free kick into the penalty box that Gouin collected and calmly placed just inside the left post for the game winner. Ella Renaud made seven saves on the day for Hazen. Lauren Smith and Wayah Cook combined for five saves for Rivendell as they fell to 5-8 on the season.

"They scored 30 seconds in and almost went up 2-0 in the first five minutes, but Ella scraped a would-be goal off of the goal line after it hit the top of the goal post. We

eventually woke up and scrapped our way back into the match, mitigating their quickness by keeping the ball in their half and off their striker's feet. We fought and fought and fought in the second half after going down 2-1 and were finally rewarded with a free kick and some quick thinking from Caitlyn. The girls came out passionate and desperate for the win in overtime and after a narrow miss by Isabelle to start, she was rewarded with a great game winner after setting up the free kick by winning a great 50-50 ball and drawing the foul. It was a great fight and win and nice to hear the massive cheer at the end from the home supporters" said head coach Harry Besett.

Caitlyn Davison scored the game-winner and added an assist to lead Hazen Union to a 4-1 road win over Craftsbury Academy last Wednesday in the second annual OSSU Derby. Freshman Isabelle Gouin continued to emerge as a scoring threat, giving the Lady Cats a 1-0 advantage 11 minutes in. Anika Leahy evened the match for the Lady Chargers 11 minutes into the second half, before Davison buried a feed from Tessa Luther with 12 minutes left in regulation for the eventual game winner. Alexis Christensen gave the visitors a 3-1 lead eight minutes later and Maverick Murphy ended the scoring on the day with three minutes left in regulation. Ella Renaud made four saves in the win for Hazen, who have won three of their last four matches. They currently are ranked tenth in the division IV standings, with a pair of pivotal divisional match-ups this week that will determine playoff seeding.

The Lady Cats traveled to



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Craftsbury's Natalie Hill (No. 16) and Hazen Union's Natalie Michaud (No. 8) head for the ball on Dustan Field during the OSSU Derby in Craftsbury October 12. At left is Sarah Collier (No. 7) of Hazen. The Lady Cats took the win 4-1.

Richford on Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season on Friday with a match-up against Twinfield-Cabot at Hudson Fields.

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was one second faster than her finish last year.

"The leaves put on a show, with lots of runners and enthusiastic volunteers all along the route," said McCarthy. "I felt good for much of the race, but then at around mile 8.5 or nine, I felt like I was running in slow motion and could do nothing about it. I don't know if hiking for a few days in the White Mountains was too much for me, but I did feel like my legs were heavier than usual."

McCarthy's husband, Tim Hogeboom, 71, also contended with somewhat tired legs. A few days after running the Leaf Peepers half marathon on October 2, he and McCarthy hiked West Bond Mountain. The 4,540 ft. summit in

Lincoln, N.H., was the finale in Hogeboom's 47-year quest to climb New Hampshire's 48 tallest peaks over 4,000 feet.

Running in the Green Mountain Half Marathon, Hogeboom placed 59th of 96 male half marathoners. His time of 2:00:30 was the second fastest for the M70-79 age group. The race was his 24th of the year.

Libations Lure Local Racers

STOWE – A horde of thirsty runners participated in the Heady Trotter 4-miler on Oct. 16. With a whopping 1,498 finishers, the event is one of the largest running races in Vermont. Proceeds help to benefit Green Mountain Adaptive Sports.

Thomas Wolfe, 17, of Grantham, N.H., and Linda Spooner, 48, from Sturbridge, Mass., were the men's and women's winners. Their respective times were 21:11 and 25:33.

Jeff Beal, 36, and Lindzey Beal, 36, were the top finishers from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. The running couple from Wolcott finished in respective times of 22:16 and 27:59. Jeff placed fifth in the men's division. Lindzey placed fifth in the women's division.

Bess Powers, 61, Marshfield, placed 70th in the women's division. Her time of 32:44 was the second fastest in the F60-64 age group.

Twinfield cross country coach Cathy Dupont, 57, finished in 33:43. She placed 103rd in the women's division and sixth in the F55-59 age group.

SPORTS

KEN BROWN'S SOCCER ROUNDUP

Stowe Handles Wildcats

HARDWICK – Stowe continued to flex its muscles against their opposition last week, blanking the Hazen Union boys' soccer team, dropping them to 4-6-1 on the season.

Woody Reichelt scored four times to lead the Raiders to a 5-0 road win over the Wildcats last Wednesday. Leo Jercinoic added a goal and Brock Roick made 4 stops on the day to earn the Stowe defense its eighth shutout of the season. Tyler Rivard made seven saves and Cody Trudeau had seven shots on goal in the loss. Stowe has outscored its opponents 62-7 on the season and remains the second seed in division III with a 10-2 record.

"It was a hard game against a very good Stowe team and my team went in knowing it was going to be a tough fight. The guys played hard as always, but couldn't make enough connections to get one in the net. Tyler had another strong game in goal, but unfortunately we lost Eliot Rosendahl to a broken ankle after colliding with a Stowe player. He'll be a strong defensive voice for us on the sidelines for our last few matches," said head coach Alison Paradee.

Hazen welcomes Peoples Academy to town on Wednesday for Senior Night and will wrap up the regular season at Lyndon Institute on Saturday.

Pair of Hard Fought Losses for Lady Trojans

MARSHFIELD – A young Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer team showed promise last week in a pair of losses to Danville and Richford, falling to 1-8-1 on the season.

Lilli Clark recorded a hat trick to lead Danville to a 5-0 road win over the Lady Trojans last Wednesday. Lilah Hall added a goal and an assist and Kai-Li Huang chipped in with a goal of her own. Leah Clark posted nine saves to earn the Lady Bear defense their third shutout of the season. Ida Astick made 10 stops in the loss for Twinfield-Cabot.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Craftsbury junior Silas Hunt (No. 10) charges up Dustan Field during play against Danville October 14. At left is Alijah Andrews (No. 20) of the Bears. Danville won 3-1.

Danville improved to 6-6 on the season with the win. Twinfield-Cabot honored seniors Ginger Klarich, Aleacya Moshinskie, and KimLinh DeBona for their outstanding careers on the pitch.

Kyrielle Deuso scored the equalizer and the game winner for Richford as they squeaked past a determined Twinfield-Cabot team 2-1 on the road on Friday. Ginger Klarich gave the home team a 1-0 advantage 21 minutes in before Deuso made it a 1-1 match with five minutes left in the first half. Emma Fadden fed Deuso for the eventual game winner 10 minutes into the second half and Aubrey Fadden made six saves for Richford to make it stand up. Ida Astick played well again in the net for the Lady Trojans, making 15 stops in the loss. Richford improved to 8-4 on the season.

Twinfield-Cabot traveled to

team lost to a pair of divisional foes in Blue Mountain and Danville last week to fall to 2-9 on the season.

Blue Mountain avenged an earlier season loss to the Chargers with a 2-0 road win last Tuesday. The Bucks defeated Oxbow three days later for their second win of the season.

Caiden Hill scored twice to lead Danville to a hard-fought 3-1 road win over CA on Friday. Silas Hunt gave the Homecoming crowd something to cheer about early in the second half, putting the Chargers on top 1-0. Hill would find the equalizer and Andrew Joncas scored the eventual game winner with 60 seconds left in the first half. Denver Lindstrom made 10 saves for the Bears as they improved to 4-8 on the season. Dalton Gravel, Adrian Crytzer, Jacob Sulham, William Patnoe, and Calvin Cacciamani were honored on Senior Day.

"I was very proud of how everyone played both matches, especially against Danville. I thought we played our best match of the season on for Homecoming and Calvin had several great attempts on goal in both matches. Adrian stepped up on defense and we are looking forward to the last week of the regular season," said head coach William Garske.

The Chargers traveled to Oxbow on Monday and will welcome Twinfield-Cabot to town on Wednesday, before wrapping up the regular season with a home match against Richford on Saturday.

Missisquoi Valley on Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season at Hazen Union in a divisional match-up on Friday.

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Hazen Union Hosts XC Meet on Hardwick Trails

by Jim Flint

HARDWICK – Blue skies and sunny dispositions highlighted Hazen Union’s home meet with Danville and Twinfield on October 11. Twenty-four middle school runners and 18 varsity runners turned out for the cross country races at Hardwick Trails.

The Wildcat harriers worked with head coach Netdahe Stoddard to lay out the 1.6-mile middle school course and the 5k high school course. Boys and girls raced together at the middle school level. At the varsity level, the girls started 10 minutes after the boys.

At last year’s Hazen Union home meet, Twinfield’s top runner, Ethan Parrish, narrowly lost to Danville’s Peter Searles. Parrish turned the tables this year. He outran Searles, 22:39 to 25:09, for the win.

Danville’s Aiden Stillson (26:04) and Devon Lopez-Powers (28:35) placed third and fourth. Sam Sainz of Twinfield took fifth place in 30:38.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Middle school runners at the start of their 1.6 mile cross country race on Hardwick Trails October 11. Twenty-four runners participated from Twinfield, Danville and Hazen Union. Thomas Kehler (right) won the race with a time of 10:58. Manny Fliegelman (center) came in fourth with a time of 12:16 and Daniel Pougner (left) placed sixth with a time of 12:40.

Danville’s Lilley Anderson won the girls varsity race in 29:25. Camryn Hoffman of Twinfield finished second in 31:30. She was

followed across the finish line by teammates Hanna Hoelzl (36:39) and Gigi Guerin (37:46). Lynsey Lavele of Danville placed fifth in 38:48.

Hazen Union had four finishers in the varsity race: Tobias Benson (31:04), Gabe Aubuchon (34:45), Finn Burgess (45:01), and Ella Considine (45:02).

Hazen Union’s Thomas Kehler won the boys middle school race in 10:58. Willa Mantius of Danville was the top middle school girl. She finished in 12:33.

Danville runners Ryan Richard (11:24) and Landon Garrand (11:55) placed second and third in the boys middle school race. Hazen Union’s Manny Fliegelman (12:16)

and Daniel Pougner (12:40) were the fourth and fifth finishers.

Finishing second through fifth in the girls middle school race were Riley Barrett (13:20, Danville); Carli Abbott (14:54, Hazen Union); Austin Roos (15:17, Danville); and Molly Daniels (15:19, Danville).

Twinfield was the top girls varsity team. Danville won the boys varsity race and the girls middle school race. For the boys middle school race, there were two teams with five scoring runners. In a close contest, Hazen Union defeated Danville, 25 to 30, for the win.



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Twinfield senior Ethan Parrish took first place in the boy’s high school 3.25 mile race on Hardwick Trails October 11. His time was 22:39.



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Wednesday, Oct. 19

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Twinfield-Cabot, at Craftbury.

4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Peoples, at Hazen Union.

4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Boys Varsity Soccer at Craftsbury Academy.

Thursday, Oct. 20

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Middle School Soccer at Twinfield.

Friday, Oct. 21

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity

Girls Soccer vs. BFA Fairfax, at Craftsbury (Senior Dsy).

4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Twinfield-Cabot, at Hazen Union.

4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls Varsity Soccer at Hazen Union.

Saturday, Oct. 22

11 a.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Richford, at Craftsbury (Senior Day).

11 a.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer at Lyndon.